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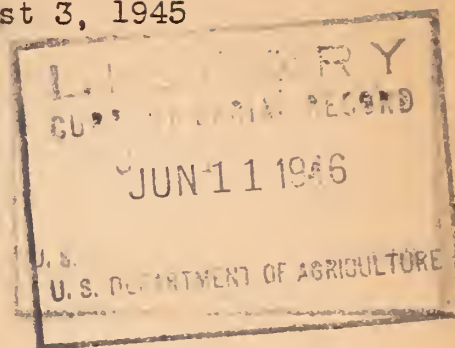
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OFFICE OF MARKETING SERVICES
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BRANCH
ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER No. 36

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SECTION



TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS

In Administrative Letter No. 33 dated July 2, 1945, we furnished instructions covering Appropriation numbers and titles. Shortly thereafter we were informed that our Trust Fund Title was incorrect and on July 20, in Administrative Letter No. 35, we published a correction, in accordance with information received from the Finance Division; however, the Finance Division now advises that this title is still in error.

The correct title for Trust Funds is "Deposit of Fees, Inspection and Grading of Farm Products."

Please make this correction in Administrative Letter No. 33, which is to be used as your instruction for collections.

D. O. SYMBOL

In quite a few cases the D. O. Symbol is being omitted on Schedules of Collections. Please see that D. O. Symbol No. 100-8750 is typed in on all Schedules of Collections before they leave your office.

CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

We have been informed by the Finance Division that the Fiscal Year is being indicated on Certificates of Deposit. Please eliminate this information on all Certificates of Deposit in the future. These are to be prepared in the manner indicated in the "Procedure for Handling Collections Made by Field Employees" and no additional information is to be furnished on this form.

COLLECTIONS

In all cases where collections are handled by field offices and deposited through Federal Reserve Banks or Federal Depositaries, one copy of the Schedule of Collections is to be sent direct to the "Chief, Accounting and Bookkeeping Division, General Accounting Office, Washington, 25, D. C."

Our attention has been called to the fact that many of the General Accounting Office copies are being improperly addressed and are being delivered to the Finance Division of the Office of Marketing Services. This is causing a great deal of confusion and copies are delayed in reaching the proper office.

Please be sure that the General Accounting Office copy of the Schedule of Collections is properly marked before it leaves your office.

W. C. Hasbrouck
Administrative Officer

FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

CHANGE IN INSPECTION FEES

Section 51.36 of Service and Regulatory Announcements No. 93, Rules and Regulations of the Secretary of Agriculture Governing the Inspection and Certification of Fruits, Vegetables, and Other Products, was amended effective August 1, 1945, by making the following changes:

Carlot rate changed from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per carlot.

Less-than-carlot inspections (when not more than 1/2 a carlot) changed from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per lot.

The maximum fee for a carlot of mixed products is changed from \$7.50 to \$9.00.

Fee for inspection of peanuts and other nuts increased from \$5.00 to \$8.75 per carlot.

The rate per hour of fees which was computed on an hourly basis was changed from \$2.00 to \$2.50 by an amendment effective March 10, 1945.

The new fees are based on the customary size carload which is interpreted as meaning the customary size being loaded at the present time.

DO NOT LICENSE THEODORE BLIZZARD

Theodore Blizzard of Mt. Vernon, Georgia, should no longer be licensed as Federal-State inspector of fresh fruits and vegetables in any State without first obtaining approval from Washington, D. C.

TEMPORARY AND SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For ILLINOIS	peach	reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Anna Hotel, Anna, Ill. MAIL: P.O. Box 191 (Until about August 12)
For NEW JERSEY	potato	reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Hightstown, New Jersey.
For VIRGINIA	peach	reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Crozet, Va.

FRESH U. S. STANDARD GRADES

Copies of the following have been sent to all inspectors:

- U. S. Standards for Plums and Prunes (Fresh), effective May 31, 1945
- U. S. Standards for Bunched Carrots, effective July 15, 1945
- U. S. Standards for Topped Carrots, effective July 15, 1945
- U. S. Standards for Carrots with Short-Trimmed Tops, effective July 15, 1945
- Check List of U. S. Standards Issued by the Fruit and Vegetable Branch (other than for Canned Products), May 1, 1945
- Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Average Diameter of California Oranges and Grapefruit in Standard Containers.

E. E. Conklin, Chief

MARKET NEWS DIVISIONRELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS

Restrictions on publication of foreign trade data which have been in effect for some time have been further relaxed permitting current publication of certain import and export data which is not regarded as "military, strategic or critical". In line with this relaxation of restrictions, it will now be possible for us to show daily carlot shipments by country of origin except for commodities originating in Hawaii, Australia, Oceania, and eastern and south-eastern Asia, including India. The same will apply to arrivals and unloads in the market of fruits and vegetables, beeswax, honey and peanuts. Statistics for the excepted areas indicated above may be published six months after the period to which they relate. It is improbable that any office will have receipts from any of these excepted areas other than possibly Hawaii. Information on arrivals or unloads from Hawaii may be published in the annual unload reports provided the commodities arrived as much as six months prior to the date of publication.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS

Location	In Charge	Commodity	Probable Opening & Closing Dates
Anna, Ill.	L. M. Gillespie	Peaches	Aug. 2 - Aug. 11
Benton Harbor, Mich. 306 P.O.Bldg.	C. B. Miller	F & V	Aug. 6 - Oct. 30
Fresno, Calif 223 Holland Bldg.	J. A. Hunter	Melons & Grapes	July 23 - Nov. 9
Milton-Freewater, Oregon	E. E. Paulson	Fresh prunes	Aug. 13- Sept. 7

C. D. Schoolcraft, Chief

FRUIT MARKETING DIVISION

RED SOUR CHERRIES

Amendment 131 to Maximum Price Regulation 426 increases for fresh sales the per pound ceiling prices, f.o.b. shipping point, from July 21 to end of season, for red sour cherries produced in Washington and counties of Boundary, Bonner, and Kootenai in Idaho to 11-1/2 cents with stems and 10-1/4 cents without stems; for those produced in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming to 13-3/4 cents with stems and 12-1/2 cents without stems; and for those produced in all States east of the above named States to 16-1/4 cents with stems and 15 cents without stems.

APPLES

Amendment 132 to Maximum Price Regulation 426 establishes ceiling prices for summer apples, f.o.b. country shipping point, through August 19, 1945 of \$3.70 per standard box or bushel and 8.22 cents per pound for non-standard packs for apples grown in Florida, Georgia, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and States east thereof; and \$3.45 per standard box or bushel and 7.67 cents per pound for non-standard packs for apples grown in all other States.

PEACHES

Amendment 134 to Maximum Price Regulation 426, effective for the period August 1 through August 20, 1945, increases the ceiling prices for fresh peaches grown in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and West Virginia to \$4.25 per standard bushel basket, \$2.33 per standard half-bushel basket, 8.8 cents per pound graded and packed in non-standard containers, and 7.9 cents per pound ungraded in any container.

CALIFORNIA PLUMS

On the basis of available information, prices for California plums are expected to average above parity this season. Therefore, the orders issued under the marketing agreement program, which imposed grade and size restrictions on shipments of certain varieties of fresh plums from California, were terminated effective July 21, 1945.

CALIFORNIA BARTLETT PEARS

On July 3 the Bartlett Pear Commodity Committee, established under the marketing agreement and order for California fresh Bartlett pears, plums, and Elberta peaches, recommended grade and size restrictions on shipments of Bartlett pears from California. The Committee later reconsidered this recommendation, therefore, no regulations under the marketing agreement program have been established.

REFRIGERATOR CARS

Concern exists relative to a shortage of refrigerator cars to move fruits and vegetables from California. We are working very closely with the transportation people of the Office of Marketing Services in their endeavors to make more cars available. Thus far no serious curtailment in shipments has resulted and we believe near normal volumes of peaches and pears will be shipped from California before September 1, which begins the period when transportation difficulties are expected to be most serious.

D. F. McMillen, Chief

VEGETABLE MARKETING DIVISIONSUGAR

A procedure has been established whereby canners who are unable to secure sugar through regular channels may, by requesting this Branch to assist them, procure minimum requirements.

This procedure is a cooperative arrangement made between the OPA and sugar refiners. The Fruit and Vegetable Branch screen requests and determine their justification and then forward to the OPA. To date there have been received approximately 100 requests and we understand that no canner has been compelled to shut down or food has been lost for the lack of sugar. Only a few requests from the Middle West have been received prior to the past week. While practically no requests are being received from the East a few are being received each day from the Middle West. The principle products involved are canned peas, corn and catsup.

OPA PRICE REGULATIONS

A review has been made of the proposed MPR 1 and the supplement that will supercede No. 7 for canned fruits and vegetables and their juices. It is anticipated that the complete regulations for the major vegetables will be published soon. The Department of Agriculture is now considering the proposed changes in price regulations.

WFO 22.9

WFO 22.9 is in process of being amended and should be issued this week. This amendment contemplates a further reduction in Government requirements.

WFO 101 - PICKLE ORDER

WFO 101 - Pickle Order is being amended and should be issued this week.

VEGETABLE MARKETING SITUATION

Most markets are being supplied largely by locally grown vegetables. Supplies generally are not excessive and prices are being well maintained under present active demand conditions. Serious surplus situations are not anticipated in the next few weeks.

The indicated car shortage situation is still considered by growers and shippers in western states as their most serious current marketing problem. However, shipments to date have not been greatly curtailed.

STATUS OF WALNUT MARKETING AGREEMENT AND FOOD ORDER

The Walnut Marketing Agreement Program which was suspended in October 1943 when it appeared that prices to growers would be above parity, has again been suspended for the period August 1, 1945 through July 31, 1946. It seems probable that prices of walnuts will be above parity during the coming season. It is expected that Walnut War Food Order 82 will continue in effect. This order restricts in-shell distribution to certain grades and sizes and requires that approximately 10 percent of merchantable in-shell walnuts be set aside for shelling.

L. S. Fenn, Acting Chief.

REGULATORY DIVISION

Friends of Mr. Spilman will be glad to learn that he is gradually recovering from two operations, followed by complications. Mr. Spilman has been in the hospital since June 10.

Brice Edwards attached to the Chicago office recently spent a week in the Washington office renewing acquaintances and discussing problems encountered in enforcing licensing provisions of the PACA.

As of July 21, there were a total of 21,159 licenses in effect, the largest in the history of the PACA.

T. C. Curry, Chief.

PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

The following United States Standards for frozen products have been signed to become effective as indicated:

	Effective Date
U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Cauliflower (Revised)	August 1, 1945
U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Rhubarb (New)	August 15, 1945
U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Raspberries (Revised)	August 1, 1945
U.S. Standards for Grades of Frozen Apples (New)	August 1, 1945

Reprints of two editorials from a recent issue of The Canning Trade have been mimeographed and are being mailed to each office as additions to the Consumer Reference Material previously furnished.

Two more grading demonstrations have recently been presented by members of the Baltimore office. Miss Helen M. Chaapel and Miss Elizabeth S. Crozer appeared before an American Red Cross Nutrition Class on July 3; and Miss Carolyn H. Bullock and Miss Crozer presented a demonstration for student nurses at the Church Home Hospital on July 11.

F. S. Southerland, Acting Chief.